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SUBJECT: IRAQ: ITALY UNLIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SMALL
BUSINESS FINANCE FACILITY

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(U) ACCORDING TO CONTACTS AT THE MFA IRAQ TASK FORCE, THE
ITALIAN TREASURY, AND (WE ARE TOLD) THE ITALIAN
REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE AT THE WORLD BANK, ITALY DOES NOT
APPEAR LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IFC IRAQ SMALL BUSINESS
FACILITY (REF A). IN GENERAL, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS MUCH
MORE FOCUSED ON BILATERAL THAN ON MULTILATERAL INVOLVEMENT IN
IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION. SEE REFTTEL B.
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